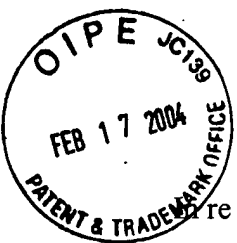


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

TATSUO FURUKAWA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/374,580

Filed: August 16, 1999

For: PRINTING HEAD, HEAD
CARTRIDGE HAVING
PRINTING HEAD,
PRINTING APPARATUS
USING PRINTING HEAD,
AND PRINTING HEAD
SUBSTRATE

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Examiner: Charles Nolan, Jr.
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February 13, 2004

Commissioner for Patents

LETTER RE ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was issued in the above-identified application, on January 27, 2004, but the claims which were allowed were those that existed in the application prior to the Preliminary Amendment dated November 4, 2003, which was duly filed on that day via Certificate of mail.

This error was pointed out to the Examiner who recommended that the undersigned contact the PTO at (571) 272-1576. That call was made and the authorities stated that the Preliminary Amendment was in fact received by the PTO and that it would be found and combined with the file.

In this regard, for the convenience of the PTO, attached is a copy of the November 4, 2003, Preliminary Amendment, and a photocopy of the return Postcard indicated that the Preliminary Amendment was duly received by the PTO on November 10, 2003.

It is respectfully requested that the Preliminary Amendment claims be examined prior to the due date of April 27, 2004, for paying the Issue Fee.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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